



## **FOREWORD**

**EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF //KHARA HAIS MUNICIPALITY**

**APRIL 2012**

It is generally recognized that //Khara Hais Municipality is of significant international, national, regional and local value in scientific, economic, recreational, aesthetic and cultural terms. The area has a strong resource base that supports a variety of economic sectors, including agriculture, ecotourism, manufacturing and, lately, the renewable energy industry.

Due to its attributes and values, //Khara Hais is subject to increasing development demands and pressures, the potential impact of which should be considered in context of the global concern over the world's ability to support its inhabitants under ever-increasing population pressure. As a point of departure for addressing the development-related challenges, //Khara Hais Municipality has adopted a vision to facilitate the long-term management of its area of jurisdiction as *'self-sustaining ecology with long-term benefit for all inhabitants'*.

The original //Khara Hais SDF (approved by Council in 2010) has fulfilled an immensely important role as a mechanism to help achieve the above vision. In addition to its environmental management function, the SDF has fulfilled a dynamic role as it relates to directing and facilitating the development of //Khara Hais. In order to maintain the status of the //Khara Hais SDF as a provincial model for integrated planning and to further enhance its application value, my Council has commissioned the revision of the 2010 document. The documents attached represent the revised SDF.

The Municipal Council trusts that the inhabitants of //Khara Hais and other stakeholders will continue to support the implementation of our SDF in order to ensure that all of us contribute towards creating a place where can live with dignity and pride and that the latent resources in our area are unlocked and used for the benefit of all.

**HONOURABLE  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

**APPROVAL**

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**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
**//KHARA HAIS MUNICIPALITY**

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